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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED  
PRODUCTS UTILIZING AND ELECTRONIC RECEIPT  
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Examiner : Kenneth R. Rice  
Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's requirement of restriction and hereby elects without traverse Group I claims (claims 1-9) for purposes of further prosecuting this patent application.

In view of such election, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-9 be examined on the merits.

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